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Honorable J.J. Pickle  
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Dear Congressman Pickle:

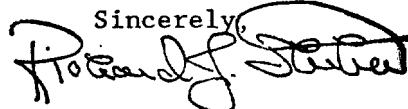
This is in reply to your letter of March 3, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

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March 3, 1993

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Mr. Alfred C. Sikes  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recently received the enclosed letters from many constituents in Austin concerning the effect the proposed rulemaking (Docket 92-235) regarding Private Land Mobile Radio services may have on their use of radio-controlled aircraft.

I sure would appreciate your considering these concerns about this proposed rule before the final rulemaking is made. I know each constituent would appreciate knowing if this proposed rulemaking will indeed affect the radio frequencies available for radio-controlled aircraft.

Thank you for your close attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
J. J. PICKLE

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Enclosure

Scott Gostisha  
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Federal Communication Commission  
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February 6, 1993

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February 14, 1993

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Subject: FCC action: NPRM, PR Docket 92-235

Dear Congressman Pickle,

I am very much opposed to the above FCC action which reduces the frequency separation between radio control and commercial uses. I am requesting your involvement with the FCC and opposition to this ruling before the February 26 deadline.

This action by Federal Communication Commission will dangerously reduce the margin of safety between commercial frequencies and those used by R/C hobbyists by narrowing the space between the proposed commercial channels and the radio control channels from 10Khz to 2.5 Khz. This will effect 48% of the available radio control frequencies. To put this into perspective, AM broadcast stations are separated by 10Khz, and FM broadcast stations are separated by 200 Khz. Allowing other radio signals to exist within 2.5Khz of control signals means that the radio control channel would be useless, since the operator would never know when the commercial signal would override his, and the aircraft would then crash, perhaps catastrophically to life and property.

Many radio controlled model airplane designs have wing spans of 10 feet or more and weigh as much as 40 pounds, and are capable of attaining speeds in excess of 100 MPH. They can cause property damage and serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator too lose control of the craft. We fly our aircraft at organized events where hundreds of operators participate. A full complement of uncongested frequencies is needed for a safe flying environment and I depend on the current frequency separation to ensure the safety of spectators as well as hobbyists.

I am a member of a growing community estimated at one million hobbyists. Most R/C hobbyist have invested thousands of dollars for the purchase of radio equipment, aircraft and other equipment. The loss of this equipment due to a crash, the injuries, possible lawsuits and bad media that will result, will impact every responsible party, and not be easily forgotten.

I ask for your support as my elected representative to actively and immediately intercede, and overturn this ruling before the February 26 deadline.

Most Sincerely,

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Austin, TX 78750

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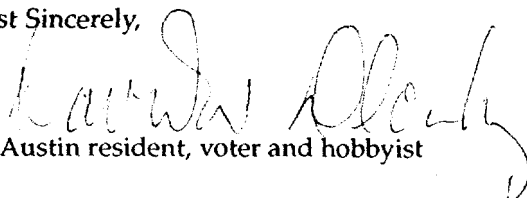
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An Austin resident, voter and hobbyist

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An Austin resident, voter and hobbyist

Chris Harding  
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The Honorable Phil Gramm  
Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510-4302

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Dear Mr. Gramm,

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THE HONORABLE JAKE PICKLE,

THIS ITEM IS OF THE  
UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO  
MYSELF AND MANY, MANY  
OTHER HOBBYISTS/VOTERS  
IN THE AUSTIN AREA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

Bill Maxwell

Bill Howell  
802 Wayside Drive  
Austin, TX 78703

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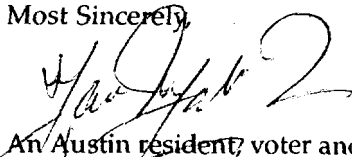
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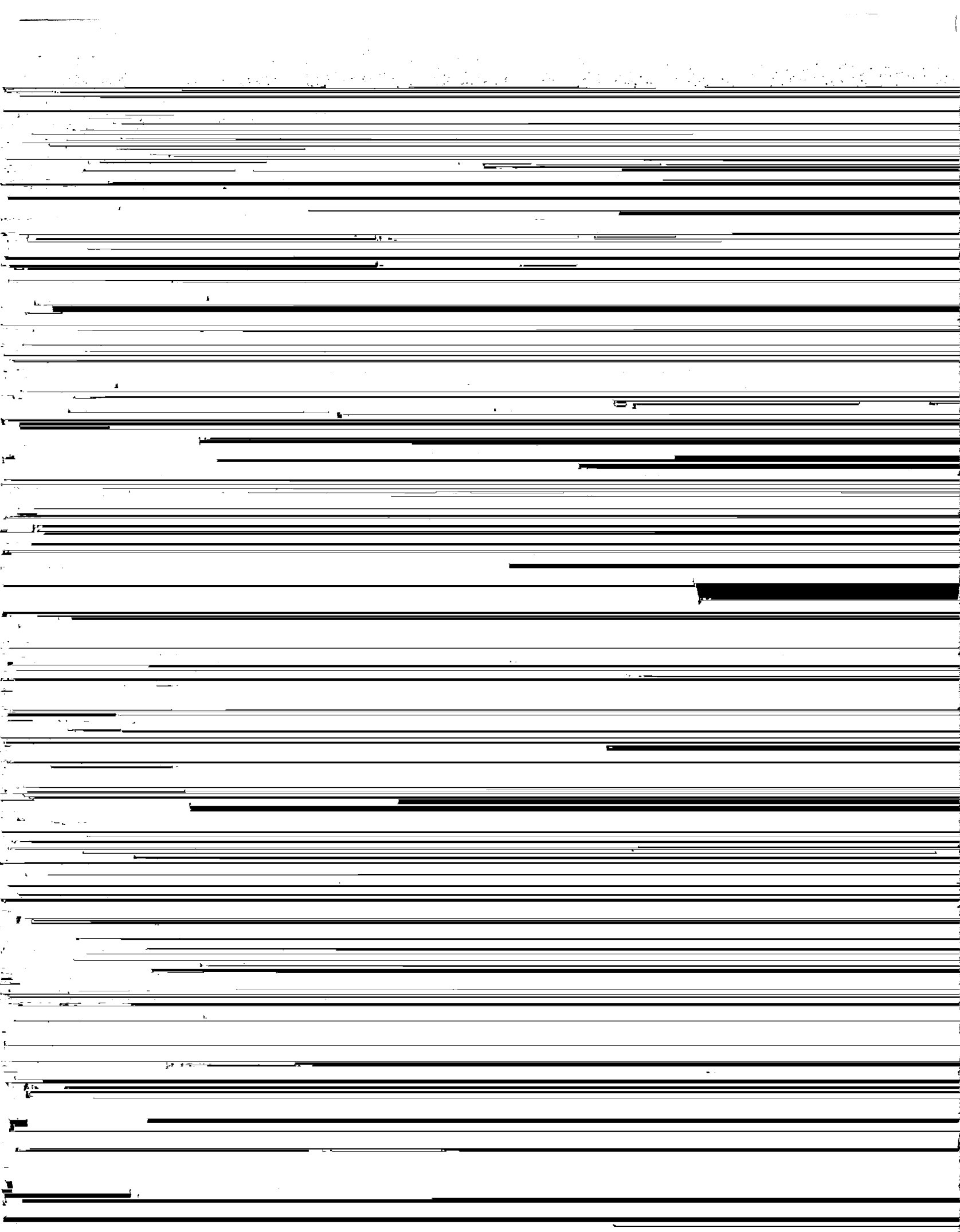
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John F. Beran

Dear Mr. Pickle,

I am an avid model airplane.

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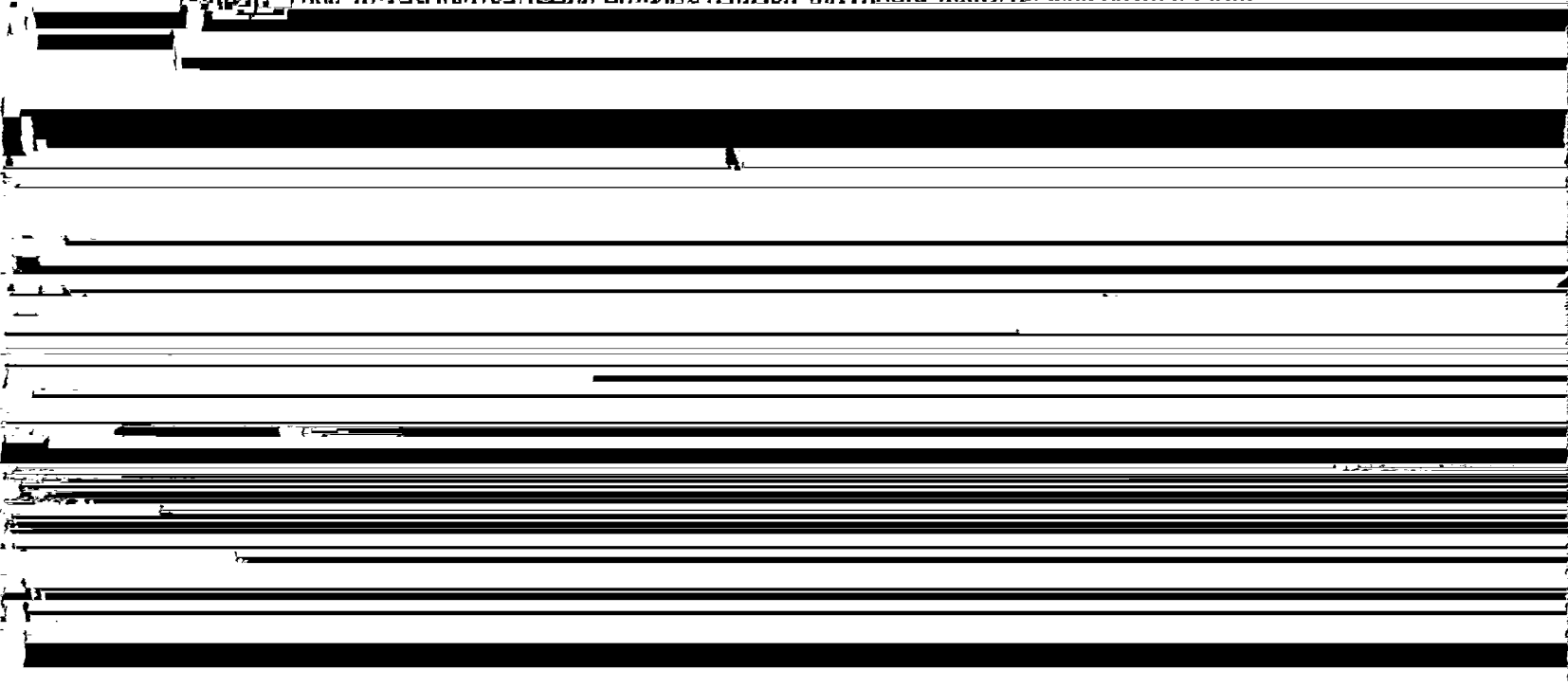
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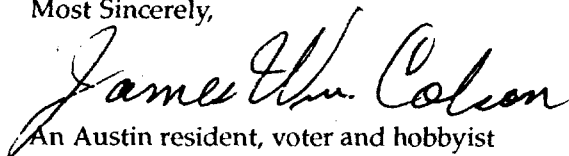
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This action will have a severe and detrimental impact on me, and the entire Radio Control industry and community. Prior to the implementation of the 10 Khz safety margin, even the slightest overlap of a neighboring signal on our frequency will cause an uncontrollable crash of an R/C Aircraft. We see this occurring again.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans of 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds! They are capable of causing property damage and serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator too lose control of the craft. We fly our aircraft at organized events where hundreds of operators participate. We need a full complement of uncongested frequencies for a



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